



3rd Armored Division

George Washington Butz
Sergeant U.S. Army
4 March 1953 – 10 January 1955

George was born at home on 22 February 1933 in the Village of East Texas in Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania. He attended grade school in the two-room schoolhouse in East Texas, and graduated from Emmaus High School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, in 1951. George then worked as a Sheet Metal Worker Apprentice at International Felt Company in Emmaus. He was drafted into the Army in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and inducted on 4 March 1953 as a Private in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. George was then sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for training. In August 1953, he left for Korea, arriving just after the cease fire in Korea was signed on 27 July 1953. He was assigned to Company A, 73rd Tank Battalion, 3rd Armored (“Spearhead”) Division, which was based in the vicinity of Seoul, Korea, as part of the United Nations Peacekeeping Forces. George remained in Korea for the remainder of his active duty service, advancing to the rank of Sergeant on 31 August 1954. He returned to the States in late 1954, and was released from active duty on 10 January 1955 at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. After George returned home to East Texas, he attended Plumbing School, and then worked as a Plumber for 17 years – first for Ray Bieber, a Plumbing & Heating Contractor in Macungie, Pennsylvania, and then for Modern Plumbing and Heating Company in Allentown. After that, George established his own company in 1972, Butz Plumbing and Heating, which he operated for 27 years until he retired in 1999. George married **Sally Ann Hartman** (born 30 September 1937) on 25 February 1956 in Dubbs Memorial Church in Allentown. They continued to live in East Texas, where they raised four children: **Daniel George**, **Randal Kevin**, **Eric Allen**, and **Karen Lynn**. George died on 8 March 2007 at the Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He was buried in the Bethany United Methodist East Texas Cemetery on Lower Macungie Road at the west end of East Texas, across the street from where he and Sally lived. George served for many years on the East Texas Playground Association. He was a member of Bethany United Methodist Church in Wescosville, Pennsylvania. He also was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the National Rifle Association. George’s parents were **Adam Stephan Butz Sr.** (7 July 1912 – 13 April 1994) and **Ruth Viola Ames** (22 June 1908 – August 1977).